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SUBJECT: INDO-BENGALEE BILATERAL: A NEW ISSUE

REF: DACCA 0163

1. IN CONVERSATION ON SEPARATE SUBJECT, INDIAN DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER J. N. DIXIT TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE WAS ABOUT TO RAISE WITH BENGALEE FOREIGN SECRETARY FAKHRUDDIN AHMED A NEW SUBJECT FOR ADDITION TO THE AGENDA FOR THE INDO-BENGALEE OFFICIAL LEVEL BILATERALS SCHEDULED BEGIN IN NEW DELHI ON JANUARY 14. HE SAID THAT BDG PRESENTLY HOLDS SUBSTANTIAL INDIAN PROPERTY WHICH HAD BEEN SEIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN DURING THE 1965 INDO-PAKISTAN WAR. THE GOI IS ANXIOUS TO RECOVER PROPERTY OR COMPENSATION.

2. NOTING THAT INDIA SEEMS TO HAVE A GROWING LIST OF ISSUES WITH BANGLADESH, DIXIT CONFIRMED REPORTS WE HAD HEARD ELSEWHERE THAT MARITIME BOUNDARY IS ONE WHICH AROUSES STRONGEST FEELING (SEE DACCA 5672). HE CHARACTERIZED EXCHANGES BETWEEN MEA LEGAL ADVISOR JAGOTRA AND HIS MFA COUNTERPART, HARUNUR RASHID, DURING THEIR MEETING IN DECEMBER AS "ABRASIVE," AND ADDED THE HOPE THAT

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PRESENCE OF THE TWO FOREIGN SECRETARIES AT THE FORTHCOMING

BILATERALS WOULD SOFTEN THE TONE OF DISCUSSION.
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